IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Atty. Docket: SOLOMON=1R

In re Application of:

Beka SOLOMON

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AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of June 29, 2001, petition for a three-month extension of time and payment being attached hereto, please amend as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please rewrite the paragraph at column 1, lines 23-33, as follows:

Other factors must contribute to the occurrence of aggregation. These factors can include mutations of naturally occurring chaperones inhibiting function or allowing function with low efficiency (Wetzel, 1994). Further, "pathological"[,] chaperones have been found which have been defined as "a group of unrelated proteins that induce beta-